MALMESBURY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Annual Report

OF THE

Medical Officer of Health

FOR THE

Year ending December 31st, 1944

J. Riddick, Printer and Stationer, Malmesbury

MUNDENS, MALMESBURY,

1st June, 1945

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To the Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors of the Borough of Malmesbury.

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GENTLEMEN,				ł			
I beg to	present to you	my Ani	nual	Rep	ort for	the	year
ended Decen	nber 31st, 1944.						
	Natural and S	Social (Соиі	OITIO	NS.		
(1) Area					202	acres	
Under the was added to	he Local Governm to the Borough a merly in the Rura	s from	the	1st A	pril, 1	934.	
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(2) Pop		·1 ·				. 0224	
` '	At Census for 193		•			2334	
(0)	Estimated in 1944	·	•		• • •	2607	
	eable Value m produced by a p	 penny r		£50	£ 2s. 7d.	12,324	
(4) Vita	1 Statistics					*	
(I) VII.a	1 Statistics	Total	NA	E			
	(Legitimate)		
Live Births	{ Legitimate { Illegitimate	43 3	2	1	} Birth	Rate	17.6
		Total	M	F			
Still Births	/ Legitimate	1	0	1			
Still Diffils	Legitimate Illegitimate	0	0	0			
		Total	M	F			¢
Deaths		24	10	14 ·	-		0.0
		*			Deat	h Rat	e 9.2
Death of	f Infants under one	e y e ar o	of ago	е		*	
		Total	l M	F			
	Legitimate	1	0	1			
	Illegitimate	0	0	0	, 4.	70	01.0
			Intar	it Mo	rtality	Rate	21.8

Number of Women dying in, or in consequence

of childbirth

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES.

Hospitals.

(1) Isolation.

Infectious cases are sent to the Chippenham & Malmesbury Joint Isolation Hospital, which is situated in the Chippenham Rural District. During the past year two cases were treated there.

(2) Small-Pox.

In the event of a case of small-pox arising in the District, isolation hospital accommodation is provided by the Wiltshire County Council at their small-pox hospital.

(3) Malmesbury and District Hospital.

This Hospital, supported by voluntary contributions, is situated just outside your District, and provides accommodation for cases, medical or surgical.

(4) Maternity.

Malmesbury Maternity Home. This contains six beds, three of which are subsidised by the Wiltshire County Council.

(5) Ambulance Facilities.

For infectious cases a motor ambulance is maintained at the Chippenham and Malmesbury Joint Isolation Hospital, and serves to remove cases from the District.

For accident and non-infectious cases, a motor ambulance is maintained by your Council.

(6) Laboratory Facilities.

Examinations of pathological specimens are carried out at the Salisbury Infirmary by an arrangement made by the County Council. During the past year four such examination were made.

.(7) Professional Nursing in the Home.

A District Nurse attends midwifery cases in your District.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

(1) Water.

There has been a continuous supply of water during the past year from the borehole situated at the late Milk Factory premises at Park Road and from the storage tanks situated in the meadow at the bottom of Holloway Hill. The borehole, together with the tanks which are filled from springs, provide more than sufficient water to allow continuous pumping to the main distributing tank.

The area around the storage tanks and springs has been fenced in order to prevent any contamination by animal matter.

(2) Drainage and Sewerage.

The sewers discharge into the rivers surrounding the Borough. Catchpits are provided near the mouth of the sewers and are periodically cleansed. A certain amount of sewage is thus prevented from reaching the river; but the state of the stream, especially in the summer, is most unsatisfactory. I have in previous annual reports called the attention of your Council to this pollution and would again urge you to consider seriously a sewerage scheme for the Borough.

(3) Closet Accommodation.

(a)	Number of defective closets found		8
(d.)	Number remedied	• • •	8
(c)	Number of new closets constructed	• • •	2
(d)	Number converted to a more approved type	• • •	4
4) D	Disinfection of Houses.		
Nu	mber disinfected		0

(5) Public Cleansing.

Refuse is collected twice weekly. Covered dustbins are now made compulsory for householders.

Litter is still deposited in the streets, and I still regret that the bye-law adopted in 1933 is never enforced.

(6) Swimming Baths and Pools.

Facilities exist for public bathing in the river adjoining the recreation field. Owing to the polluted state of the river I cannot regard this site as safe for bathing.

(7) Eradication of bed bugs.

No action has been taken as no bed bugs have been found in your District.

Housing.

Housing Statistics for 1944.

No houses were erected during 1944.

1. Unfit dwelling-houses. Inspection.	
(1) [a] Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing_defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	47
[b] Number of Inspections made for the purpose	106
(2) [a] Number of dwelling-houses (included under subhead (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925	
[b] Number of Inspections made for the purpose	42
(3) Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	
(4) Number of dwelling-houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habi-	
tation	16
 Remedy of defects during the year without service of formal notices:— 	
Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers	
Number of dwelling-houses demolished in consequence of Council action	0
3. Action under Statutory Powers during the year :-	
A. Proceedings under sections 9, 10 and 16 of the Hou Act, 1936.	ising
(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs	0
(2) Number of dwelling-houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices:—	,
(a) By owners	0
(b) By Local Authority in default of owners	0
в. Proceedings under Public Health Acts.	
(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be reme-	
died	5

	(2) Number of dwelling-houses in which defects w remedied after service of formal notices:—	ere	
	(a) By owners	***	5
	(b) By Local Authority in default of owners	• • •	0
	c. Proceedings under sections 11 and 13 of the FAct, 1936.	lousin	ıg
	(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of who Demolition Orders were made	ich 	0
	(2) Number of dwelling-houses demolished in pur ance of Demolition Orders	su-	0
	D. Proceedings under section 12 of the Housing Act,	1936.	
	(1) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders with made		0
-	(2) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders we determined, the tenement or room having be	ere	
	rendered fit		0
4.	Housing Act, 1936. Part IV. Overcrowding:—		
	(a) [1] Number of dwellings overcrowded at the end	of	
	the year	• • •	0
	[2] Number of families dwelling therein	•••	0
	[3] Number of persons dwelling therein	• • 9	0
	(b) Number of new cases of overcrowding repor-	ted	
	during the year	6 9 7	0
	(c) [1] Number of cases of overcrowding relieved duri		0
	[2] Number of persons concerned in such cases	• • •	0
	(d) Particulars of any cases in which dwelling-hou have again become overcrowded after the Lo-Authority have taken steps for the abatement	ses cal	O
	overcrowding	•••	0

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

(1) Slaughter-houses.

There are no slaughter-houses in your District.

(2) Dairies and Cowsheds.

One cowshed is registered and four milk retailers in your District. All the milk retailers produce milk outside your area.

(3) Bakehouses

One bakehouse is registered. This is periodically inspected and is in a satisfactory condition.

(4) Sales of Food and Drugs.

The following was destroyed during the year as unfit for human consumption:—

254 lbs. Beef
4 tins Pork
13 stone Fish
7 tins Pilchards
6 tins Meat and Vegetables
3 tins Loganberry Jam

PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OVER, INFECTIOUS DISEASE.

During 1944 the following cases of Infectious Disease were notified:—

Disease		Total Cases Notified	Cases admitted to Hospital	Deaths
Small-pox	• • •	0	0	0
Scarlet Fever		1	1	0
Diphtheria	• • •	1	1	0
Enteric Fever	• • •	0	0	0
(including paratyph	loid))		
Puerperal Fever		0	0	0
Puerperal Pyrexia		0	0	0 .
Pneumonia		2	0	0
Erysipelas		0	0	0
Measles	• • •	2	0	0
Whooping Cough		13	0	0

Opthalmia Neonatorum.

No case was notified during the year.

Tuberculosis.

Particulars of cases notified and deaths from this disease are given in the following table.

	The second secon	New	Cases		Deaths			
Age Periods	Pulmo	Non- Pulmonary Pulmonary			Pulmonary		No Pulm	on- onary
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
0								
_ 1								
5		•	•	1				
10								
15								
20	1	1				*		
25								
30		2						
45					1			
55								
65								
and upwards								
Totals	1	3	0	1	1	0	0	0

In my opinion there are no cases of tuberculosis in the District which are non-notified.

Venereal Disease.

Cases of venereal disease can receive free treatment under the County Council scheme at either the Bath or Swindon Clinics.

I beg to remain,

Your obedient Servant,

REGINALD M. MOORE, M.B.,
Medical Officer of Health.